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Filed: 23 December 1998

For: SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following claims.

21. A serine protease inhibitor, characterized by having a domain with four cysteines, and a sequence of 13 amino acids is present between the first and second cysteines, a sequence of 18 amino acids is present between the second and third cysteines, and a sequence of 2 amino acids is present between the third and fourth cysteines.

22. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21, characterized in that the sequence of the domain between the first and second cysteines is selected from

HEFQAFMKNKGLF,

SEYRKSRLKNGRLF,

DDFKKGERDGDFI,

SEFRDQVRNGTLI,

SAFRPFVRNGRLG,

SEYRHYVRNGRLP,

KEYEKQVRNGRLF,

DEFRRLLQNGKLF,

SQYQNQAKNGILF,

AEYREQMKNGRLS, or

NEYRKLVRNGKLA,

DEFRSQMKNGLI.

23. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21, characterized in that the sequence between the second and third cysteines is selected from

PQDKKFFQSLDGIMFINK,

TRENDPIQGPDGKMHGNT,

TRENDPVLGPDGKTHGNT,

TREHNPVRGPDGKMHGNT,

TRESDPVRGPDGRMHGNT,

TRENDPIEGLDGKIHGNT,

TRENDPIRGPDGKMHGNT,

TRENDPVRGPDGKTHGNT,

TRENDPIQGPDGKVHGNT,

TRESDPVRDADGKSYNNQ, or

TRESDPVRGPDGKTHGNT.

24. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21, characterized in that the sequence between the third and fourth cysteines of the domain is selected from AT, AL, AM, SM, or TM.

25. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21, having one of the following formulas:

- R_1 -C-HEFQAFMKNGKLF-C-PQDKKFFQSLDGIMFINK-C-AT-C- R_2
- R_1 -C-DDFKKGERDGDFI-C-PDYVEAVCGTDGKTYDNR-C-AL-C- R_2
- R_1 -C-SAFRPFVRNGRLG-C-TRENDPVLGPDGKTHGNT-C-AM-C- R_2
- R_1 -C-KEYEKQVRNGRLF-C-TRESDPVRGPDGRMHGNT-C-AL-C- R_2
- R_1 -C-SQYQNQAKNGILF-C-TRENDPIRGPDGKMHGNT-C-SM-C- R_2
- R_1 -C-NEYRKLVRNGKLA-C-TRENDPIQGPDGKVHGNT-C-SM-C- R_2

- R₁-C-SEYRKSRLNGRLF-C-TRENDPIQGPDKMHGNT-C-SM-C-R₂
- R₁-C-SEFRDQVRNGTLI-C-TREHNPVRGPDGKMHGNT-C-AM-C-R₂
- R₁-C-SEYRHYVRNGRLP-C-TRENDPIGLDGKIHGNT-C-SM-C-R₂
- R₁-C-DEFRRLLQNGKLF-C-TRENDPVRGPDGKTHGNT-C-AM-C-R₂
- R₁-C-AEYREQMKNRGLS-C-TRESDPVRDADGKSYNNQ-C-TM-C-R₂
- R₁-C-DEFRSQMKNGLI-C-TRESDPVRGPDGKTHGNT-C-TM-C-R₂,

wherein R₁ is NH₂, an amino acid, or a peptide with up to 1000 amino acids, and R₂ is COOH, CONH₂, an amino acid, or a peptide with up to 1000 amino acids.

26. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21, characterized by containing
 - a disulfide bridge between the first and fourth cysteines and/or between the second and third cysteines; or
 - a disulfide bridge between the first and a fifth cysteine and/or between the second and fourth cysteines and/or between the third and a sixth cysteine.
27. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21, characterized by being a fragment of VAKTI-1 (SEQ. ID. NO. 1) or VAKTI-2 (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).
28. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 27, characterized by being HF 6479 (SEQ. ID. NO. 3) or HF 7665 (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).
29. A nucleic acid coding for a serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21.
30. A medicament containing
 - the serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21,
 - a nucleic acid coding for the serine protease inhibitor, or

- the serine protease inhibitor and the nucleic acid coding for the serine protease inhibitor,
together with pharmaceutical vehicles.
31. The medicament according to claim 30, containing from 0.01 to 1000 mg per kg of body weight of the serine protease inhibitor.
32. Method of using the medicament according to claim 30, wherein the medicament is the serine protease inhibitor, for the treatment of acute or chronic cervix inflammations, inflammations of Bartholin's glands and other vaginal regions, tonsillitis, pharyngitis and laryngitis, acute or chronic inflammatory processes accompanied by excessive formation of mucus and the resulting acute emergency situations, postoperative bleeding due to hyperfibrinolysis, and for the prophylaxis of lung emphysema formation in deficiencies of α_1 -proteinase inhibitor.
33. Method of using the medicament according to claim 30, wherein the medicament is the nucleic acid coding for the serine protease inhibitor, in gene therapy for the treatment and prophylaxis of acute or chronic cervix inflammations, inflammations of Bartholin's glands and other vaginal regions, tonsillitis, pharyngitis and laryngitis, acute or chronic inflammatory processes accompanied by excessive formation of mucus and the resulting acute emergency situations, postoperative bleeding due to hyperfibrinolysis, and lung emphysema formation in deficiencies of α_1 -proteinase inhibitor.
34. Antibodies or antibody fragments against epitopes of the serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21.

35. Poly- or oligonucleotides which will hybridize to regions of the cDNA or corresponding RNA under stringent conditions and optionally prevent the expression of coding regions of the genes coding for the serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21.
36. A diagnostic agent containing at least one of the antibodies or antibody fragments according to claim 34.
37. A medicament containing the antibodies or antibody fragments according to claim 34 in therapeutically effective amounts.
38. Method of using the medicament according to claim 37 for the treatment of diseases involving too high an expression of a serine protease inhibitor, characterized by the antibodies or antibody fragments having a domain with four cysteines, and a sequence of 13 amino acids is present between the first and second cysteines, a sequence of 18 amino acids is present between the second and third cysteines, and a sequence of 2 amino acids is present between the third and fourth cysteines.
39. DNA coding for the serine protease inhibitor according to claim 21.
40. The DNA according to claim 39 having the SEQ. ID. NO. 5 or SEQ. ID. NO. 6.

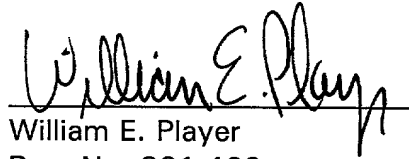
REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are presented for consideration..

Claims 21-40 correspond to canceled claims 1-20, respectively, revised to eliminate multiple dependencies and to, otherwise, more clearly define the instant invention.

Favorable action is requested.

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Serine Protease Inhibitors

The present invention relates to serine protease inhibitors, cDNA coding for serine protease inhibitors, medicaments containing such inhibitors or their coding nucleic acid, use of the compounds according to the invention for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of various indications, antibodies or antibody fragments against epitopes of the compounds according to the invention, poly- or oligonucleotides which will hybridize to genes of the compounds according to the invention, a diagnostic agent for detecting the compounds according to the invention, and medicaments containing antibodies or poly- or oligonucleotides according to the invention.

Proteolytic processes play an important physiological role in all organisms; a distinction has to be made between non-specific and specific proteolytic reactions. The former include, for example, the digestion of food in the digestive tract by endopeptidases, and the intracellular degradation of used endogenous substances and phagocytosed materials by lysosomal proteases. Specific proteolyses mostly serve for the conversion of a proenzyme to its active form, as in the conversion of trypsinogen to trypsin, and of chymotrypsinogen to chymotrypsin, and in the callicrein-kinin cascades and the blood clotting cascade. Depending on the structure of the reactive site of the proteinases involved, they are classified into the classes of serine proteases (e.g., chymotrypsin, trypsin, elastase and cathepsin G), aspartate proteases (e.g., cathepsin D, cathepsin E and pepsin), cysteine proteases (e.g., cathepsin B, cathepsin H and cathepsin L), and the metallo-proteases (e.g., collagenase and thermolysin).

In order to be able to correct the proteolytic processes which often proceed in a cascade, the organisms is provided with a number of other proteins, the protease inhibitors (for a survey, see Laskowski and Kato, 1980, and Bode and Huber, 1992). Thus, the liver-synthesized human plasma protease inhibitors α_1 -

antichymotrypsin and α_1 -proteinase inhibitors protect the lung tissue from non-specific attack by the proteinases cathepsin G and elastase from polymorphonuclear lymphocytes. When the balance between proteases and their specific inhibitors is disturbed, pathological effects may arise. For example, an excess ratio of elastase to α_1 -proteinase inhibitor increases the risk of formation of a lung emphysema by a factor of about 20 to 30 in patients with a genetically caused deficiency in this factor as compared to the normal population (Carrel and Owen, 1980). With smokers, the formation of an emphysema is promoted by oxidation of the amino acid methionine which is present in the reactive site of the α_1 -proteinase inhibitor by oxidants contained in cigarette smoke (Miller and Kuschner, 1969; Ohlsson et al., 1980). Also in the case of infection with Gram-negative bacteria, their endotoxins can cause disintegration of phagocytes and thus the secretion of lysosomal proteases, which may cause an uncontrolled damage to tissues and inflammations due to the increased consumption of protease inhibitors. For this reason, certain protease inhibitors have a high therapeutic potential (see, e.g., Fritz, 1980).

It has been the object of the present invention to provide further inhibitors of serine proteases. In addition, the genes or cDNA coding for the inhibitors according to the invention should be provided.

A specific feature of the serine protease inhibitors according to the invention is that the serine protease inhibitor has a domain with four cysteines, and a sequence of 0 to 20 amino acids is present between the first and second cysteines, or the serine protease inhibitor has a domain with six cysteines, and a sequence of 7 to 20 amino acids is present between the first and second cysteines.

Preferably, a sequence of 13 amino acids is present between a first and a second cysteine, and/or a sequence of 18 amino acids is present between a second and a third cysteine, and/or a sequence of 2 amino acids is present between a third and a fourth cysteine.

It is particularly preferred that the sequence between a first and a second cysteine be selected from

HEFQAFMKNGLF,	SEYRKSRLKNGRLF,
DDFKKGERDGDFI,	SEFRDQVRNGTLI,
SAFRPFVRNGRLG,	SEYRHYVRNGRLP,
KEYEKQVRNGRLF,	DEFRRLLQNGKLF,
SQYQNQAKNGILF,	AEYREQMKNGRSL, or
NEYRKLVRNGKLA,	DEFRSQMKNGLI

and/or the sequence between a second and a third cysteine be selected from

PQDKKFFQSLDGIMFINK,	TRENDPIQGPDGKMHGNT,
TRENDPVLGPDGKTHGNK,	TREHNPVRGPDGKMHGNK,
TRESDPVRGPDGRMHGNK,	TRENDPIEGLDGKIHGNT,
TRENDPIRGPDGKMHGNL,	TRENDPVRGPDGKTHGNK,
TRENDPIQGPDGKVHGNT,	TRESDPVRDADGKSYNNQ, or
	TRESDPVRGPDGKTHGNK

and/or the sequence between a third and a fourth cysteine be selected from

AT, AL, AM, SM, or TM.

It is particularly preferred that the serine protease inhibitor according to the invention correspond to one of the following formulas:

R_1 -C-HEFQAFMKNGLF-C-PQDKKFFQSLDGIMFINK-C-AT-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-DDFKKGERDGDFI-C-PDYVEAVCGTDGKTYDNR-C-AL-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-SAFRPFVRNGRLG-C-TRENDPVLGPDGKTHGNK-C-AM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-KEYEKQVRNGRLF-C-TRESDPVRGPDGRMHGNK-C-AL-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-SQYQNQAKNGILF-C-TRENDPIRGPDGKMHGNL-C-SM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-NEYRKLVRNGKLA-C-TRENDPIQGPDGKVHGNT-C-SM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-SEYRKSRLKNGRLF-C-TRENDPIQGPDGKMHGNT-C-SM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-SEFRDQVRNGTLI-C-TREHNPVRGPDGKMHGNK-C-AM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-SEYRHYVRNGRLP-C-TRENDPIEGLDGKIHGNT-C-SM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-DEFRRLLQNGKLF-C-TRENDPVRGPDGKTHGNK-C-AM-C- R_2
 R_1 -C-AEYREQMKNGRSL-C-TRESDPVRDADGKSYNNQ-C-TM-C- R_2



wherein R_1 is NH_2 , an amino acid, or a peptide with up to 100 amino acids, and R_2 is COOH , CONH_2 , an amino acid, or a peptide with up to 100 amino acids.

It is further preferred that the serine protease inhibitor contains one or more disulfide bridges. It is particularly for it to contain a disulfide bridge between the first and fourth cysteines and/or between the second and third cysteines, or to contain a disulfide bridge between the first and fifth cysteines and/or between the second and fourth cysteines and/or between the third and sixth cysteines.

Preferred representatives of the serine protease inhibitors according to the invention are the compounds HF 6479 and HF 7665, and fragments of proteins VAKTI-1 and VAKTI-2 according to Figures 1 and 2.

In addition to the amino acid sequence of the preferred compounds according to the invention, further information about the cDNA coding for the compounds according to the invention can also be seen from Figures 1 to 3. In particular, the corresponding motives and primer-hybridizing sites are indicated.

Compound HF 3479 according to the invention has a mass of 6,479 Dalton, and that of HF 7665 is 7,665 Dalton; both have been purified from hemofiltrate.

According to the invention, a cDNA coding for the compounds according to the invention, especially a cDNA having the nucleic acid sequence according to Figures 1 to 2, is also claimed.

The compounds according to the invention are useful as medicaments. In this case, they are administered together with pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles.

The medicaments according to the invention containing the protease inhibitors according to the invention are preferably administered in amounts of from 1 to 100 mg/kg of the patient's body weight. As the dosage form, all galenic formulations for peptide active substances may be used. The medicaments containing nucleic

acids according to the invention are preferably administered in amounts of from 0.1 to 100 mg/kg of body weight of a corresponding patient. In this case, the galenic dosage forms which may be used are those which are suitable for the administration of nucleic acids without rendering the nucleic acids ineffective by metabolic influences before they have reached their site of action. For example, liposomes in which the nucleic acids are contained can be employed as a galenic dosage form.

The compounds according to the invention can be used, in particular, for the treatment of acute or chronic cervix inflammations, inflammations of Bartholin's gland or other vaginal regions, tonsillitis, pharyngitis and laryngitis, acute or chronic inflammatory processes accompanied by excessive formation of mucus and the resulting acute emergency situations, postoperative bleedings due to hyperfibrinolysis, and for the prophylaxis of lung emphysema formation in deficiencies of α_1 -proteinase inhibitor.

The compounds according to the invention can be administered in deficiencies of serine protease inhibitors to correct endogenous defects. The nucleic acids may also be used in gene therapy, either directly or coupled to suitable vehicles. Suitable vectors include, in particular, attenuated adenoviruses into which the corresponding genes have been incorporated.

The polypeptides according to the invention, especially VAKTI-I and VAKTI-II, can serve for the preparation of antibodies or antibody fragments. These are simply prepared by the immunization of appropriate mammals. By per se known operations, the antibodies may also be humanized so that such antibodies can also be employed for therapeutic use. Antibodies or antibody fragments can then be employed for the regulation of diseases in which the protease inhibitors are expressed in a pathological way. Also, antisense nucleic acids complementary to the nucleic acids according to the invention may also be employed in therapeutical use in overexpressions of the protease inhibitor genes.

The compounds according to the invention can be easily prepared by per se known methods of peptide or nucleotide synthesis. Preparation of the compounds by genetic engineering is also possible.

Those skilled in the art will recognize that fragments of the polypeptides according to the invention may also be used provided that they retain the inhibitory properties of the serine protease inhibitors. Those skilled in the art know how to find such fragments. Thus, this may be accomplished, for example, by a selected enzymatic cleavage of the compounds according to the invention. Side-chain modified amino acids may also be employed. N- or C-terminally modified polypeptides may also be used. In particular, phosphorylated, glycosylated, methylated, acetylated or similarly modified polypeptides can be employed provided that they do not substantially affect the activity of the serine protease inhibitors.

Derivatives of the nucleic acids according to the invention which have modified triplet structures in accordance with codon usage may also be used. In addition, nucleic acids according to the invention also include those which are more stable towards degradation by nucleases as compared with the native compounds, for example, the corresponding SODN derivatives usually employed in antisense technology to give the antisense structures a more stable design towards enzymatic attack.

Structures homologous to the polypeptides may also be used. In particular, these include polypeptide structures in which amino acids have been exchanged. Thus, for example, conservative amino acid substitutions in highly conserved regions can be considered as follows: any isoleucine, valine and leucine amino acid can be exchanged for any other of these amino acids, aspartate can be exchanged for glutamate and vice versa, glutamine for asparagine and vice versa, serine for threonine and vice versa. Conservative amino acid substitutions in less highly conserved regions can be as follows: Any of the amino acids isoleucine, valine and leucine for any other of these amino acids, aspartate for glutamate and vice versa, glutamine for asparagine and vice versa, serine for threonine and vice versa, glycine for alanine and vice versa, alanine for valine and vice versa, any of the amino acids leucine, isoleucine or valine for methionine, lysine for arginine and

vice versa, either of the amino acids arginine or lysine for either of the amino acids aspartate or glutamate, either of the amino acids arginine or lysine for histidine, glutamine for glutamate and vice versa, and asparagine for aspartate and vice versa.

The mode of action of the peptides according to the invention will be illustrated by the following Example.

Example

Measurement of protease inhibition by HF 7665

Measuring composition:

84 µl	measuring buffer (0.1 M HEPES, pH 7.5; 0.5 M NaCl)
1 µl	trypsin (1 mg/ml in 1 mM HCl, 20 mM CaCl ₂)
5 µl	L-BABNA (6 mg/ml N- α -benzoyl-L-arginine-p-nitroanilide hydrochloride)
10 µl	protease inhibitor (10 µM or 75 µg/ml HF 7665 in H ₂ O)

The reaction was started by adding the chromogenic substrate, and the substrate conversion was followed by a photometer at $\lambda = 405$ nm. After about five minutes, 10 µl of protease inhibitor or the corresponding controls were added and the further course of the absorbance observed.

It could be shown that HF 7665 has an inhibitory effect on trypsin in a final concentration of about 1 µM or 7.5 µg/ml. Control experiments with corresponding amounts of BSA (7.5 µg/ml) and acetonitrile/TFA (0.8% ACN/0.001% TFA) did not show any trypsin inhibition. Further, an inhibitory effect of HF 7665 on chymotrypsin could not be observed in a similar test.

Figure 3 shows that the substrate conversion is reduced by about 30% due to trypsin inhibition after the addition of HF 7665.

SEQUENCE LISTING

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 177 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 1:

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Lys	Phe	Phe	Gln	Ser	Leu	Asp	Gly	Ile	Met	Phe	Ile	Asn	Lys	Cys	Ala
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Cys	Asp	Asp	Phe	Lys	Lys	Gly	Glu	Arg	Asp	Gly	Asp	Phe	Ile	Cys	Pro
			100					105					110		
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			115				120					125			
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		130				135						140			
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145					150					155					160
Ser	Ile	Val	Ser	Leu	Met	Gly	Asn	Thr	Gly	Arg	Leu	Thr	Ser	Asn	Ser
				165					170					175	
Lys															

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 922 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 2:

Met	Lys	Ile	Ala	Thr	Val	Ser	Val	Leu	Leu	Pro	Leu	Ala	Leu	Cys	Leu
1				5				10						15	
Ile	Gln	Asp	Ala	Ala	Ser	Lys	Asn	Glu	Asp	Gln	Glu	Met	Cys	His	Glu
			20					25					30		

Phe	Gln	Ala	Phe	Met	Lys	Asn	Gly	Lys	Leu	Phe	Cys	Pro	Gln	Asp	Lys	35	40	45
Lys	Phe	Phe	Gln	Ser	Leu	Asp	Gly	Ile	Met	Phe	Ile	Asn	Lys	Cys	Ala	50	55	60
Thr	Cys	Lys	Met	Ile	Leu	Glu	Lys	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ser	Gln	Lys	Arg	Ala	65	70	75
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Cys	Asp	Asp	Phe	Lys	Lys	Gly	Glu	Arg	Asp	Gly	Asp	Phe	Ile	Cys	Pro	100	105	110
Asp	Tyr	Tyr	Glu	Ala	Val	Cys	Gly	Thr	Asp	Gly	Lys	Thr	Tyr	Asp	Asn	115	120	125
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Cys	Ser	Ala	Phe	Arg	Pro	Phe	Val	Arg	Asn	Gly	Arg	Leu	Gly	Cys	Thr	165	170	175
Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Val	Leu	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Thr	His	Gly	Asn	180	185	190
Lys	Cys	Ala	Met	Cys	Ala	Glu	Leu	Phe	Leu	Lys	Glu	Ala	Glu	Asn	Ala	195	200	205
Lys	Arg	Glu	Gly	Glu	Thr	Arg	Ile	Arg	Arg	Asn	Ala	Glu	Lys	Asp	Phe	210	215	220
Cys	Lys	Glu	Tyr	Glu	Lys	Gln	Val	Arg	Asn	Gly	Arg	Leu	Phe	Cys	Thr	225	230	235
Arg	Glu	Ser	Asp	Pro	Val	Arg	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Arg	Met	His	Gly	Asn	245	250	255
Lys	Cys	Ala	Leu	Cys	Ala	Glu	Ile	Phe	Lys	Arg	Arg	Phe	Ser	Glu	Glu	260	265	270
Asn	Ser	Lys	Thr	Asp	Gln	Asn	Leu	Gly	Lys	Ala	Glu	Glu	Lys	Thr	Lys	275	280	285
Val	Lys	Arg	Glu	Ile	Val	Lys	Leu	Cys	Ser	Gln	Tyr	Gln	Asn	Gln	Ala	290	295	300
Lys	Asn	Gly	Ile	Leu	Phe	Cys	Thr	Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Ile	Arg	Gly	305	310	315
Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Met	His	Gly	Asn	Leu	Cys	Ser	Met	Cys	Gln	Val	Tyr	325	330	335
Phe	Gln	Ala	Glu	Asn	Glu	Glu	Lys	Lys	Lys	Ala	Glu	Ala	Arg	Ala	Arg	340	345	350

Asn Lys Arg Glu Ser Gly Lys Ala Thr Ser Tyr Ala Glu Leu Cys Asn
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 Glu Tyr Arg Lys Leu Val Arg Asn Gly Lys Leu Ala Cys Thr Arg Glu
 370 375 380
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 Ser Met Cys Glu Val Phe Phe Gln Ala Glu Glu Glu Glu Lys Lys Lys
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 Gly Lys Ile His Gly Asn Thr Cys Ser Met Cys Glu Ala Phe Phe Gln
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Asp Gly Lys Thr His Gly Asn Lys Cys Ala Met Cys Lys Ala Val Phe
660 665 670

Gln Lys Glu Asn Glu Glu Arg Lys Arg Lys Glu Glu Glu Asp Gln Arg
675 680 685

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690 695 700

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Cys Thr Arg Glu Ser Asp Pro Val Arg Asp Ala Asp Gly Lys Ser Tyr
725 730 735

Asn Asn Gln Cys Thr Met Cys Lys Ala Lys Leu Glu Arg Glu Ala Glu
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Arg Lys Asn Glu Tyr Ser Arg Ser Arg Ser Asn Gly Thr Gly Ser Glu
755 760 765

Ser Gly Lys Asp Thr Cys Asp Glu Phe Arg Ser Gln Met Lys Asn Gly
770 775 780

Lys Leu Ile Cys Thr Arg Glu Ser Asp Pro Val Arg Gly Pro Asp Gly
785 790 795 800

Lys Thr His Gly Asn Lys Cys Thr Met Cys Lys Glu Lys Leu Glu Arg
805 810 815

Glu Ala Ala Glu Lys Lys Arg Lys Arg Met Lys Thr Gly Ala Ile Gln
820 825 830

Glu Lys Gly Ala Ile Gln Glu Lys Gly Ala Met Thr Lys Arg Ile Cys
835 840 845

Val Val Asn Phe Glu Ala Cys Arg Glu Met Glu Ser Leu Ser Ala Pro
850 855 860

Glu Lys Ile Thr Leu Phe Glu Ala His Met Ala Arg Cys Thr Ser Ile
865 870 875 880

Asn Val Leu Cys Val Arg Ala Ser Leu Ile Glu Lys Leu Met Lys Glu
885 890 895

Lys Arg Lys Met Lys Arg Asn Gln Val Ala Ser Pro Gln Ile Met Gln
900 905 910

Arg Met Ser Ala Val Asn Phe Glu Thr Ile
915 920

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 55 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

Lys Asn Glu Asp Gln Glu Met Cys His Glu Phe Gln Ala Phe Met Lys
1 5 10 15
Asn Gly Lys Leu Phe Cys Pro Gln Asp Lys Lys Phe Phe Gln Ser Leu
20 25 30
Asp Gly Ile Met Phe Ile Asn Lys Cys Ala Thr Cys Lys Met Ile Leu
35 40 45
Glu Lys Glu Ala Lys Ser Gln
50 55

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 68 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 4:

Glu Ser Gly Lys Ala Thr Ser Tyr Ala Glu Leu Cys Asn Glu Tyr Arg
1 5 10 15
Lys Leu Val Arg Asn Gly Lys Leu Ala Cys Thr Arg Glu Asn Asp Pro
20 25 30
Ile Gln Gly Pro Asp Gly Lys Val His Gly Asn Thr Cys Ser Met Cys
35 40 45

Glu Val Phe Phe Gln Ala Glu Glu Glu Glu Lys Lys Lys Lys Glu Gly
50 55 60

Glu Ser Arg Asn
65

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 748 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:

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TCAGTGCTTC TGCCCTTGGC TCTTTGCCTC ATACAAGATG CTGCCAGTAA GAATGAAGAT	120
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AAAATGATAC TGGAAAAAGA AGCAAAATCA CAGAAGAGGG CCAGGCATTT AGCAAGAGCT	300
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 3531 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:

ATGCATGGAG TGGACCTGTA GGCGACTTGC ATCGTCTTCA ACATGAAGAT AGCCACAGTG	60
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AAAATGATAC TGGAAAAAGA AGCAAAATCA CAGAAGAGGG CCAGGCATTT AGCAAGAGCT	300
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TTTGTTAGAA ATGGAAGACT TGGATGCACA AGGGAAAATG ATCCTGTTCT TGGTCCTGAT	600
GGGAAGACGC ATGGCAATAA GTGTGCAATG TGTGCTGAGC TGTTTTTAAA AGAAGCTGAA	660
AATGCCAAGC GAGAGGGTGA AACTAGAATT CGACGAAATG CTGAAAAGGA TTTTGTCAAG	720
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

His Glu Phe Gln Ala Phe Met Lys Asn Gly Lys Leu Phe
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 8:

Ser Glu Tyr Arg Lys Ser Arg Lys Asn Gly Arg Leu Phe
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 9:

Asp Asp Phe Lys Lys Gly Glu Arg Asp Gly Asp Phe Ile
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 10:

Ser Glu Phe Arg Asp Gln Val Arg Asn Gly Thr Leu Ile
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 11:

Ser	Ala	Phe	Arg	Pro	Phe	Val	Arg	Asn	Gly	Arg	Leu	Gly
1				5					10			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 12:

Ser	Glu	Tyr	Arg	His	Tyr	Val	Arg	Asn	Gly	Arg	Leu	Pro
1				5					10			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 13:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 13:

Lys	Glu	Tyr	Glu	Lys	Gln	Val	Arg	Asn	Gly	Arg	Leu	Phe
1				5					10			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 14:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 14:

Asp Glu Phe Arg Arg Leu Leu Gln Asn Gly Lys Leu Phe
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 15:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:

Ser Gln Tyr Gln Asn Gln Ala Lys Asn Gly Ile Leu Phe
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 16:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:

Ala	Glu	Tyr	Arg	Glu	Gln	Met	Lys	Asn	Gly	Arg	Leu	Ser
1				5					10			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 17:

Asn	Glu	Tyr	Arg	Lys	Leu	Val	Arg	Asn	Gly	Lys	Leu	Ala
1				5					10			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 18:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 18:

Asp	Glu	Phe	Arg	Ser	Gln	Met	Lys	Asn	Gly	Lys	Leu	Ile
1				5					10			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 19:

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Pro Gln Asp Lys Lys Phe Phe Gln Ser Leu Asp Gly Ile Met Phe Ile
1          5          10          15
Asn Lys
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 20:

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Thr Arg Glu Asn Asp Pro Ile Gln Gly Pro Asp Gly Lys Met His Gly
1          5          10          15
Asn Thr
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 21:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Val	Leu	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Thr	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Lys

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 22:

Thr	Arg	Glu	His	Asn	Pro	Val	Arg	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Met	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Lys

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 23:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Ser	Asp	Pro	Val	Arg	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Arg	Met	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Lys

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 24:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Ile	Glu	Gly	Leu	Asp	Gly	Lys	Ile	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Thr

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 25:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Ile	Arg	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Met	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Leu

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 26:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 26:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Val	Arg	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Thr	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Lys

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 27:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Asn	Asp	Pro	Ile	Gln	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Val	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Thr

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 28:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 28:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Ser	Asp	Pro	Val	Arg	Asp	Ala	Asp	Gly	Lys	Ser	Tyr	Asn
1				5					10					15	

Asn Gln

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 29:

Thr	Arg	Glu	Ser	Asp	Pro	Val	Arg	Gly	Pro	Asp	Gly	Lys	Thr	His	Gly
1				5					10					15	

Asn Lys

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 30:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 2 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 30:

Ala Thr
1

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 31:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 31:

Ala Leu
1

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 32:

Ala Met
1

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 33:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 33:

Ser Met
1

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 34:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 2 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 34:

Thr Met
1

CLAIMS :

1. A serine protease inhibitor, characterized by having a domain with four cysteines, and a sequence of 13 amino acids is present between the first and second cysteines, a sequence of 18 amino acids is present between the second and third cysteines, and a sequence of 2 amino acids is present between the third and fourth cysteines.

2. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 1, characterized in that the sequence of the domain between the first and second cysteines is selected from

HEFQAFMKNGLF,
DDFKKGERDGDFI,
SAFRPFVRNGRLG,
KEYEKQVRNGRLF,
SQYQNQAKNGILF,
NEYRKLVRNGKLA,

SEYRKSRRKNGRLF,
SEFRDQVRNGTLI,
SEYRHYVRNGRLP,
DEFRRLLQNGKLF,
AEYREQMKNGRLS, or
DEFRSQMKNGLI.

3. The serine protease inhibitor according to any of claims 1 and/or 2, characterized in that the sequence between the second and third cysteines is selected from

PQDKKFFQSLDGIMFINK,
TRENDPVLGPDGKTHGNK,
TRESDPVRGPDGRMHGNK,
TRENDPIRGPDGKMHGNL,
TRENDPIQGPDGKVHGNT,
TRESDPVRGPDGKTHGNK.

TRENDPIQGPDGKMHGNT,
TREHNPVRGPDGKMHGNK,
TRENDPIEGLDGKIHGNT,
TRENDPVRGPDGKTHGNK,
TRESDPVRDADGKSYNNQ, or

4. The serine protease inhibitor according to any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the sequence between the third and fourth cysteines of the domain is selected from

AT, AL, AM, SM, or TM.

5. The serine protease inhibitor according to any of claims 1 to 4, having one of the following formulas:

R₁-C-HEFQAFMKNGLF-C-PQDKKFFQSLDGIMFINK-C-AT-C-R₂
R₁-C-DDFKKGERDGDFI-C-PDYEEAVCGTDGKTYDNR-C-AL-C-R₂
R₁-C-SAFRPFVRNGRLG-C-TRENDPVLGPDGKTHGNK-C-AM-C-R₂
R₁-C-KEYEKQVRNGRLF-C-TRESDPVRGPDGRMHGNK-C-AL-C-R₂
R₁-C-SQYQNQAKNGILF-C-TRENDPIRGPDGKMHGNT-C-SM-C-R₂
R₁-C-NEYRKLVRNGKLA-C-TRENDPIQGPDGKVHGNT-C-SM-C-R₂
R₁-C-SEYRKSRLNGRLF-C-TRENDPIQGPDGKMHGNT-C-SM-C-R₂
R₁-C-SEFRDQVRNGTLI-C-TREHNPVRGPDGKMHGNK-C-AM-C-R₂
R₁-C-SEYRHYVRNGRLP-C-TRENDPIEGLDGKIHGNT-C-SM-C-R₂
R₁-C-DEFRRLLQNGKLF-C-TRENDPVRGPDGKTHGNK-C-AM-C-R₂
R₁-C-AEYREQMKNGRSL-C-TRESDPVRDADGKSYNNQ-C-TM-C-R₂
R₁-C-DEFRSQMKNGLI-C-TRESDPVRGPDGKTHGNK-C-TM-C-R₂,

wherein R₁ is NH₂, an amino acid, or a peptide with up to 1000 amino acids, and R₂ is COOH, CONH₂, an amino acid, or a peptide with up to 1000 amino acids.

6. The serine protease inhibitor according to at least one of claims 1 to 5, characterized by containing
- a disulfide bridge between the first and fourth cysteines and/or between the second and third cysteines; or

- a disulfide bridge between the first and fifth cysteines and/or between the second and fourth cysteines and/or between the third and sixth cysteines.
7. The serine protease inhibitor according to at least one of claims 1 to 6, characterized by being a fragment of VAKTI-1 (SEQ. ID. NO. 1) or VAKTI-2 (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).
 8. The serine protease inhibitor according to claim 7, characterized by being HF 6479 (SEQ. ID. NO. 3) or HF 7665 (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).
 9. A nucleic acid coding for a serine protease inhibitor according to at least one of claims 1 to 8.
 10. A medicament containing at least one serine protease inhibitor according to at least one of claims 1 to 8 and/or a nucleic acid according to claim 9, optionally together with pharmaceutical vehicles.
 11. The medicament according to claim 10, containing from 0.01 to 1000 mg per kg of body weight of the serine protease inhibitor according to at least one of claims 1 to 8 and/or of the nucleic acid according to claim 9.
 12. Use of the serine protease inhibitor according to at least one of claims 1 to 8 for preparing a medicament for the treatment of acute or chronic cervix inflammations, inflammations of Bartholin's glands and other vaginal regions, tonsillitis, pharyngitis and laryngitis, acute or chronic inflammatory processes accompanied by excessive formation of mucus and the resulting acute emergency situations, postoperative bleedings due to hyperfibrinolysis, and for the prophylaxis of lung emphysema formation in deficiencies of α_1 -proteinase inhibitor.

13. Use of the nucleic acids according to claim 9 for preparing a medicament for use in gene therapy for the curing and prophylaxis of diseases as mentioned in claim 12.
14. Antibodies or antibody fragments against epitopes of the compounds according to any of claims 1 to 8.
15. Poly- or oligonucleotides which will hybridize to regions of the cDNA or corresponding RNA under stringent conditions and optionally prevent the expression of coding regions of the genes coding for the compounds according to claims 1 to 8 (antisense compounds).
16. A diagnostic agent containing at least one of the compounds according to claim 14 or 15.
17. A medicament containing at least one of the compounds mentioned in claims 14 and/or 15 in therapeutically effective amounts.
18. Use of the compounds according to claims 14 and/or 15 for preparing a medicament for the treatment of diseases involving too high an expression of the compounds according to at least one of claims 1 to 8, or too high an activity of the regions coding for the compounds according to claims 1 to 8.
19. DNA, coding for the compounds mentioned in claims 1 to 8, and/or RNA involved in the transcription or translation of the compounds mentioned in claims 1 to 8.
20. The DNA according to claim 19 having the SEQ. ID. NO. 5 or SEQ. ID. NO. 6.

Abstract

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Figure 1
VAKTI-1 cDNA and its translation into
amino acid sequence

Frame 2

ATG CAT GGA GTG GAC CTG TAG GCG ACT TGC ATC GTC TTC AAC ATG AAG ATA GCC
10 19 28 37 46 55

|---MEMC-1--->

|---HF6479

T V S V L L P L A L C L I Q D A A S K N
ACA GTG TCA GTG CTT CTG CCC TTG GCT CTT TGC CTC ATA CAA GAT GCT GCC AGT AAG AAT
64 73 82 91 100 109

MEMC-1---> CHEF-1--->
E D Q E M C H E F Q A F M K N G K L F C
GAA GAT CAG GAA ATG TGC CAT GAA TTT CAG GCA TTT ATG AAA AAT GGA AAA CTG TTC TGT
124 133 142 151 160 169

<---CHEF-14

CHEF-11--->

<---CHEF-2---

P Q D K K F F Q S L D G I M F I N K C A
CCC CAG GAT AAG AAA TTT TTT CAA AGT CTT GAT GGA ATA ATG TTC ATC AAT AAA TGT GCC
184 193 202 211 220 229

<---CHEF-2---

HF6479 <---|

T C K M I L E K E A K S Q K R A R H L A
ACG TGC AAA ATG ATA CTG GAA AAA GAA GCA AAA TCA CAG AAG AGG GCC AGG CAT TTA GCA
244 253 262 271 280 289

R A P K A T A P T E L N C D D F K K G E
AGA GCT CCC AAG GCT ACT GCC CCA ACA GAG CTG AAT TGT GAT GAT TTT AAA AAA GGA GAA
304 313 322 331 340 349

R D G D F I C P D Y Y E A V C G T D G K
AGA GAT GGG GAT TTT ATC TGT CCT GAT TAT TAT GAA GCT GTT TGT GGC ACA GAT GGG AAA
364 373 382 391 400 409

T Y D N R C A L C A E N A K T G S Q I G
ACA TAT GAC AAC AGA TGT GCA CTG TGT GCT GAG AAT GCG AAA ACC GGG TCC CAA ATT GGT
424 433 442 451 460 469

V K S E G E C K S S N P E Q V R S I V S
GTA AAA AGT GAA GGG GAA TGT AAG AGC AGT AAT CCA GAG CAG GTG AGG TCA ATT GTC AGC
484 493 502 511 520 529

L M G N T G R L T S N S K STOP
CTG ATG GGA AAT ACT GGG AGG CTA ACT TCA AAT AGT AAG TAG GTG CTG TCC TCT TCC TTC
544 553 562 571 580 589

TTA GGT GGG AGC CTT GGA AGG AAT TAA TTC TTG CTT TAT GTG AAA TGG AAT ACC CAG TTA
604 613 622 631 640 649

CTG CCC ACT AAT ATG AAA AAG CTA ATT ATA GTC TCT GAA ACT GGA TCA GAT TAC TTT GGT
664 673 682 691 700 709

GGT TAA GAT CTT TCA ATC TAT TGC TGC TTT GTA T
724 733 742 749

Figure 2
 VAKTI-2 cDNA and its translation into
 amino acid sequence

Frame 2

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T	V	S	V	L	L	P	L	A	L	C	L	I	Q	D	A	A	S
ACA	GTG	TCA	GTG	CTT	CTG	CCC	TTG	GCT	CTT	TGC	CTC	ATA	CAA	GAT	GCT	GCC	AGT
	64				73			82			91			100			109
—> HF 6479																	
Repeat 1																	
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GAA	GAT	CAG	GAA	ATG	TGC	CAT	GAA	TTT	CAG	GCA	TTT	ATG	AAA	AAT	GGA	AAA	CTG
	124				133			142			151			160			169
P	Q	D	K	K	F	F	Q	S	L	D	G	I	M	F	I	N	K
CCC	CAG	GAT	AAG	AAA	TTT	TTT	CAA	AGT	CTT	GAT	GGA	ATA	ATG	TTC	ATC	AAT	AAA
	184				193			202			211			220			229
HF 6479 <—																	
T	C	K	M	I	L	E	K	E	A	K	S	Q	I	K	R	A	R
ACG	TGC	AAA	ATG	ATA	CTG	GAA	AAA	GAA	GCA	AAA	TCA	CAG	AAG	AGG	GCC	AGG	CAT
	244				253			262			271			280			289
typical Kazal domain																	
R	A	P	K	A	T	A	P	T	E	L	N	C	D	D	F	K	K
AGA	GCT	CCC	AAG	GCT	ACT	GCC	CCA	ACA	GAG	CTG	AAT	TGT	GAT	GAT	TTT	AAA	AAA
	304				313			322			331			340			349
R	D	G	D	F	I	C	P	D	Y	Y	E	A	V	C	G	T	D
AGA	GAT	GGG	GAT	TTT	ATC	TGT	CCT	GAT	TAT	TAT	GAA	GCT	GTT	TGT	GGC	ACA	GAT
	364				373			382			391			400			409
T	Y	D	N	R	C	A	L	C	A	E	N	A	K	T	G	S	Q
ACA	TAT	GAC	AAC	AGA	TGT	GCA	CTG	TGT	GCT	GAG	AAT	GCG	AAA	ACC	GGG	TCC	CAA
	424				433			442			451			460			469
Repeat 2																	
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GTA	AAA	AGT	GAA	GGG	GAA	TGT	AAG	AGC	AGT	AAT	CCA	GAG	CAG	GAT	GTA	TGC	AGT
	484				493			502			511			520			529
R	P	F	V	R	N	G	R	L	G	C	T	R	E	N	D	P	V
CGG	CCC	TTT	GTT	AGA	AAT	GGA	AGA	CTT	GGA	TGC	ACA	AGG	GAA	AAT	GAT	CCT	GTT
	544				553			562			571			580			589
P	D	G	K	T	H	G	N	K	C	A	M	C	A	E	L	F	L
CCT	GAT	GGG	AAG	ACG	CAT	GGC	AAT	AAG	TGT	GCA	ATG	TGT	GCT	GAG	CTG	TTT	TTA
	604				613			622			631			640			649
A	E	N	A	K	R	E	G	E	T	R	I	R	R	N	A	E	K
GCT	GAA	AAT	GCC	AAG	CGA	GAG	GGT	GAA	ACT	AGA	ATT	CGA	CGA	AAT	GCT	GAA	AAG
	664				673			682			691			700			709
Repeat 3																	
C	K	E	Y	E	K	Q	V	R	N	G	R	L	F	C	T	R	E
TGC	AAG	GAA	TAT	GAA	AAA	CAA	GTG	AGA	AAT	GGA	AGG	CTT	TTT	TGT	ACA	CGG	GAG
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P	V	R	G	P	D	G	R	M	H	G	N	K	C	A	L	C	A
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	784				793			802			811			820			829
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Repeat 4

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M H G N L C S M C Q V Y F Q A E N E E K
ATG CAT GGC AAC TTG TGT TCC ATG TGT CAA GTC TAC TTC CAA GCA GAA AAT GAA GAA AAG
1024 1033 1042 1051 1060 1069

|—> HF 7665

K K A E A R A R N K R E S G K A T S Y A
AAA AAG GCT GAA GCA CGA GCT AGA AAC AAA AGA TCT GGA AAA GCA ACC TCA TAT GCA
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Repeat 5

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HF 7665 <—|

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Repeat 7

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1744 1753 1762 1771 1780 1789

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Repeat 9

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 1924 1933 1942 1951 1960 1969

 F C T R E N D P V R G P D G K T H G N K
 TTC TGC ACA AGA GAA AAT GAT CCT GTG CGT GGC CCA GAT GGC AAG ACC CAT GGC AAC AAG
 1984 1993 2002 2011 2020 2029

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 C A M C K A V F Q K E N E E R K R K E E
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 2044 2053 2062 2071 2080 2089

E D Q R N A A G H G S S G G G G G N T Q
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TCA GTT CTC TGG ATT CTG AGA TGT GCA AAG ACT ACC GAG TAT TGC CCA GGA TAG GCT ATC
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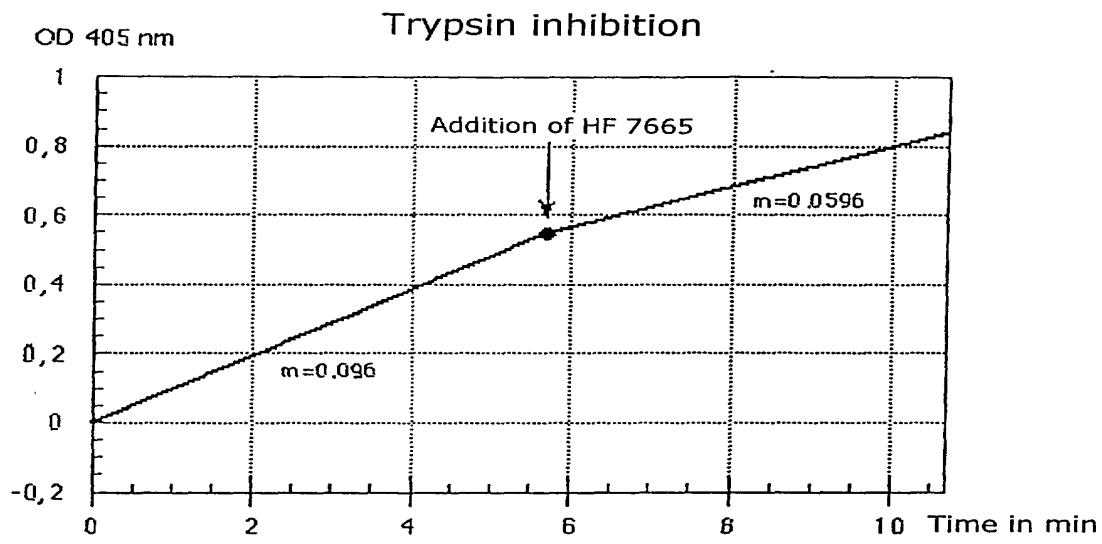
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polyadenylation signal

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 3484 3493 3502 3511 3520 3529

.....poly(A) tail

Figure 3



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